

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

April 15, 2010

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 10:30 AM at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:

Kelly Hanson Floyd, Chairman
Rick Huntress, Vice Chairman
Otis Speight, Secretary
Deborah McPherson
Nancy Banov

Absent:

Bobby Harrell

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Tom Waring, Acting Deputy State Director, David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Dr. Lacy, Associate State Director, Policy (For other Administrative Staff see Attachment 1 – Sign In Sheet).

Guests

(See Attachment 1 Sign-In Sheet)

Coastal Regional Center (via teleconference)

(See Attachment 2 Coastal Sign-In Sheet)

Pee Dee Regional Center (via teleconference)

(See Attachment 3 Pee Dee Regional Sign-In Sheet)

Whitten Center (via teleconference)

(See Attachment 4 Whitten Center Sign-In Sheet)

York County DSN Board (via teleconference)

(See Attachment 5 York County Sign-In Sheet)

News Release of Meeting

Mrs. Kelly Floyd, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Dr. Otis Speight read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

Dr. Speight gave the invocation.

Public Input

Mrs. Carolyn Myers of Camden and Mr. Terry Elledge of Lancaster spoke at the commission meeting.

Report from DSN Boards

Mr. Ralph Courtney spoke on behalf of the SC Human Service Providers Association.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mrs. Floyd made a request to amend the agenda by adding Discussion of Allowing Sliding Fee Scale Payments for State Supported Services as 9C under New Business. On motion of Mrs. Nancy Banov and seconded, the Commission approved the amendment to the agenda. On motion of Dr. Speight and seconded, the Commission adopted the agenda with the amendment. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the March 18, 2010 Meeting

On motion of Mrs. Deborah McPherson, seconded and passed, the Commission approved the minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting.

Old Business – Budget Update

Dr. Buscemi discussed the \$60 million accounting error with state funds the state Board of Economic Advisors disclosed stating it is unsure how it will affect DDSN.

Dr. Buscemi reported that DDSN is extending services to at-risk children to May 31, 2010. If funding does not come through, services will be discontinued with a 30-day notice going to families. This will depend on what the Senate decides.

New Business – S.C. Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Employee of the Year

Dr. Buscemi presented a certificate of recognition to Lester Porter for being named winner of the 2010 Employment Achievement Award by the SC Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and also 2010 Employee with Disability of the Year Award by the Orangeburg Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. This is awarded to a South Carolina resident who has met the challenges presented by significant disability and succeeded in the workplace and within his community. Mr. Porter attends the Orangeburg County DSN Board Day Program. Dr. Buscemi turned the meeting over to Mr. Jimmie Boland, Director of the Orangeburg Adult Day Programs, for his remarks.

New Business – Assignment of Members to the Nominating Committee for the Election of New Officers

On motion of Mrs. Banov, seconded and passed, the Commission approved to create a Nominating Committee for the election of new officers at the Commission's June meeting. Mrs. Floyd assigned Mrs. Banov and Mr. Harrell as members and named Mrs. Banov as Chairman.

New Business - Discussion of Allowing Sliding Fee Scale Payments for State Supported Services

Dr. Buscemi reported the Senate requested information regarding sliding fee scale payments for state supported services. Discussion followed. Mrs. McPherson recommended that the income of parents not be considered for computing fees for services provided to adults. The Commission agreed that DDSN could explore sliding fee payments for state supported services with the request that Mrs. Tana Vanderbilt inquire about how other agencies handle this issue when a consumer has no legal guardian.

State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi announced that Mrs. Lisa Weeks was promoted to Budget Director upon Mr. Tom Waring's promotion to Associate State Director, Administration.

Dr. Buscemi discussed an inquiry from the Governor's Office regarding Mrs. Banov's daughter receiving services from DDSN. The information was provided with the Governor's Office having no concerns. Mrs. Banov addressed all the allegations during the meeting.

Dr. Buscemi reported the Senate Finance Public Education Subcommittee requested information regarding how the transfer of funds to the Office of First Steps for FY 2011 would impact DDSN and whether DDSN is currently and would in FY 2011 provide service delivery of BabyNet on behalf of the Office of First Steps. She provided to the Commission members a copy of

the letter submitted to the Subcommittee. The letter stated DDSN was not in support of transferring funds to First Steps. Discussion followed.

Dr. Buscemi reported that the room and board audit conducted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) went well. She also reported that CMS has issues on how DDSN is billing for administrative services. DDSN staff is in conversations with DHHS and CMS regarding the issues. Dr. Buscemi stated she will keep the Commission members updated on this matter. Discussion followed.

Next Regular Meeting Date/Location

The next Commission Meeting will be held Thursday, May 20, 2010 in Columbia at the DDSN Central Office.

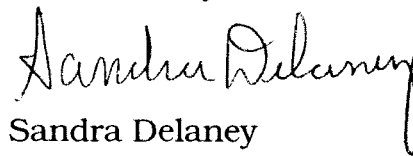
Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Banov and seconded, the Commission voted to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

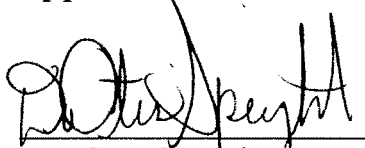
On motion of Dr. Speight and seconded, the Commission voted to exit the Executive Session. It was noted that no action was taken.

On motion of Mrs. McPherson, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,


Sandra Delaney

Approved:


Dr. Otis Speight
Secretary

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Attachment 1

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Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name and Organization

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| 1. Veronica Lewis | KCBPSN |
| 2. R. Ke Moss | Cathoon DSNB |
| 3. R H Wnek | DDSN |
| 4. JAY ALTMAN | Chester - Lancaster DSN |
| 5. Carolyn Pugs | Mother - Voices |
| 6. Kathleen Roberts | Whitten Center Parents Club - SCADA |
| 7. Carolyn Brown | Voice Parent |
| 8. Stephanie Williams | Celma DSNB |
| 9. Ron Lefts | Orangeburg |
| 10. Jimmie Boland | ORANGEBURG |
| 11. LESTER PORTER | ORANGEBURG |
| 12. Jerry D. Elledge | Lancaster |
| 13. Harold Powell | Orangeburg |
| 14. Thogel Warren | Kershaw DSN |
| 15. Daniel Davis | Autism Division |
| 16. Betty-Routh Steele | Salisbury Center parent |
| 17. Phillip Steele | Salisbury Center parent |
| 18. Nancy McCormick | P+P |
| 19. Mike Keith | MARION/DILLON DSN |
| 20. CRAIG STOXEN | SC Autism Society |

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| 21. | Barry Coats | Special Olympics |
| 22. | Jennifer Buster | DDSN |
| 23. | Shondala Hall | DDSN |
| 24. | KEVIN JACOBI | DPSN |
| 25. | Donna H Thompson | Babcock Center |
| 27. | Ann Dalton | SCDDSN |
| 28. | Janet Priest | DDSN |
| 29. | Beth Bueg | Brightstart |
| 30. | Teri Todd | " " |
| 31. | Mildred Lilly | Parent |
| 32. | GEORGE MAKY | DHHS |
| 33. | PAT FAGAN | SCDDSN DIST. 5 |
| 34. | Diane Espaly | SC Spinal Cord Injury Assoc |
| 35. | FRED LYNN | Whitten Ctr PC |
| 36. | Norothy Goodwin | Community Optics |
| 37. | DEAN READ | COLLETON BDSN |
| 38. | Linda Veldheer | DPSN |
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1. Rick Magnus Charleston DSN Board
2. Celestine Richardson Dorchester DSN
3. Richard Johnson PGA Coastal Center
4. Suzanne Johnson PGA Coastal Center
5. Gloria M. James Bamberg DSN Bd.
6. John Hitchman SCD DSN
7. Rufus Britt DSN
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1. Susan L. Johns - Horry Co. DSW
2. Angela Rae Lee Co. DSW
3. Ruth Thomas, Darlington
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Attachment 4

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Name and Organization

1. John King DDSN
2. Jimmy Burk Burk Center
3. Jason Tavernier Laurens Co DSN Board
4. Elanor M. Thum PCBD SN
5. Brent Parker Greenville
6. Beverly Brewer Voices for Vulnerable SC Kids
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**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
3440 Harden Street Extension
Conference Room 251
Columbia, South Carolina**

April 15, 2010

10:30 AM

1. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Otis Speight*
2. Invocation *Commissioner Otis Speight*
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Public Input
5. Report from DSN Boards *Mr. Ralph Courtney*
6. Adoption of Agenda
7. Approval of the Minutes of the March 18, 2010 Meeting
8. Old Business:
 - A. Budget Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
9. New Business:
 - A. S.C. Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Employee of the Year *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - B. Assignment of Members to the Nominating Committee for the Election of New Officers *Chairman Kelly Hanson Floyd*
10. State Director's Report
11. Next Regular Meeting Date (May 20, 2010)/Location
12. Executive Session – Legal Matter

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.